

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-8 will be pending in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and addresses the issues raised in the Official Action of April 14, 2009, a Final Rejection. In the RCE a petition has been made for a suspension of action of three months.

In the Final Rejection reliance is placed as a primary reference on Chiddick et al US 5,173,204 as the primary reference. Chiddick describes various solid lubricant compositions that are distinct from those of the present application. Chiddick's solid lubricants are intended to have a "positive friction", that is the coefficient of friction should increase with the speed of sliding and have a "high" coefficient of friction of greater than 0.10; *see* column 1, lines 60-66 as well claims 1 and 20. Preferably, the coefficient of friction is much higher (on a relative basis) that is it could range from 0.17 to about 0.32 as discussed in the paragraph in column 7, lines 53-59. Preferably if it is greater than 0.15 (column 5, line 14) or in a range of 0.15 to 0.35 (*see* column 5, lines 42-44).

By contrast, the solid lubricant compositions of the present invention have a friction coefficient of not more than 0.100 as reflected in new claim 8 and in Examples 2, 3, 9-11, 13, 17 and 20. Indeed the friction coefficient may go as low as 0.065 as in Example 4. New claim 8 then specifies a friction coefficient of not more than 1.100 is based upon the description of the invention as discussed above.

Again, one of the objects of the present invention is to decrease the friction coefficient and one of the components employed to accomplish that is a hydrocarbon-based wax as featured in claims 1, 2 and 8.

As the teachings of the primary reference relied upon by the examiner go in a direction opposite to that of the present application and as reflected in new claim 8, applicant's claims define subject matter that is patentably distinct from the disclosures of the applied prior art.

Reconsideration and favorable action are solicited.

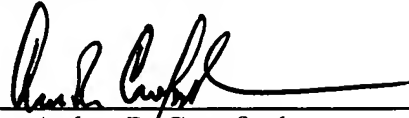
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